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Press Clipping Service For The Vietnam 'Doves'

The Central Intelligence Agency is running a press-clipping service, particularly for those members of Congress who speak out against our involvement in Vietnam or some phase of our conduct of that strife. The service is free to the recipients.

The CIA monitors broadcasts from Communist nations and also reads publications printed behind the Iron Curtain. When a "dove" is mentioned for one of his speeches, a transcription is obtained or the news article duplicated and forward to the senator or representative mentioned.

The CIA believes the congressmen are interested in Communist reaction to what they say. The Communist communications outlets use the anti-war statements as propaganda. The position taken by many of the American opponents to the strife is interpreted by some as giving aid and comfort to the enemy and indirectly encourage Communist forces to continue to fight.

Those on the CIA's press-clipping list did not ask to be placed there. It would prove rather embarrassing to ask to be removed. So Senators like Case, Clark, Fulbright, McGovern and Morse get regular attention. Additions to the list soon may be Senators Symington and Brooke, who, by recent statements, have shown they are feeling the "hawk" category for a "dove" status.

The Communist press and radio are also attacking Senator Stennis, who presses for a tougher position in Vietnam. He has made the CIA mailing list too.

Since the CIA functions on federal money, a protest from pacifist sources can be expected against this use of manpower to keep the senators posted. No members of Congress have asked to be deleted. Public officials like to know what is being said about them, even if it is unfavorable and is Communist-oriented.

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Clipping Penalty Might Help

AMONG ITS many duties, the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency runs a clipping service.

It monitors foreign radio broadcasts, translates the text and sends it to the CIA legislative counsel.

The counsel then sends the news clip to any congressman it thinks will be interested, including those mentioned in the text.

The practice seems innocuous until one begins to check particular cases. Sen. Clifford P. Case, for example, shortly after criticizing the Johnson administration's conduct of the war, received a batch of teletype copy from the CIA showing how much hay the Communist press made out of his remarks.

Despite claims by CIA officials that the agency runs only a "courtesy clipping operation," the service can sometimes be used as a lobbying device.

A Washington Post reporter found out that clippings have also been sent to Sens. Joseph S. Clark, J. W. Fulbright and George McGovern, all critics of the administration's Vietnam policy.

A supporter of the clipping service is Sen. John Stennis, a strong supporter of U.S. policies. He assailed his colleagues, saying the Vietnam war debate on the Senate floor "is definitely an aid and encouragement to the enemy."

Mr. Stennis' remarks coincide with attacks on war policy dissent by President Johnson, Vietnam commander Gen. William C. Westmoreland and Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

In the light of all this, it is not too presumptuous to suspect that there is more than just courtesy in the CIA's special clipping service.

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Making Hay With CIA

Among the Central Intelligence Agency's previously unrevealed domestic activities, a Washington Post reporter has discovered, is a foreign press clipping service for selected congressmen.

Shortly after Senator Clifford P. Case of New Jersey made a series of speeches criticizing the administration's handling of the Vietnam war, he received, said the Post, "a batch of teletype copy from the CIA showing how much hay the Communist press made out of his remarks." The copy was accompanied by a printed note saying that the CIA believed the translation of the foreign radio broadcast "might be of interest." It was the first time Senator Case's office had received such copy.

A CIA spokesman explained that the agency was running a "courtesy clipping service, not a lobbying operation" for lawmakers who either request it or who are selected by the CIA's legislative liaison officer. Other senators who have received clippings from the CIA, the Post found, included Joseph S. Clark, J. William Fulbright, and George McGovern, all dovish critics of the administration war policies, as well as Stuart Symington (until recently a Hawk) and John Stennis, who has been keeping busy lately attacking Senate dissenters. It shouldn't be too difficult to surmise which of the five requested the "service" and which of them were thoughtfully remembered by the CIA legislative liaison officer.

It's been a long time since the CIA was trying to live up to the 1947 Allen Dulles memorandum that outlined the formation of the agency ("The Central Intelligence Agency should have nothing to do with policy. * * *"), but its deviations at least have been, publicly, in the areas of foreign policy conducted outside the borders of the country. Subtle political pressures in the cloak-and-dagger trade are hardly likely to be effective in the senatorial chambers. What would really be interesting to see now is the CIA clipping file of foreign press notices about its own little clipping service. That, too, ought to make a lot of hay in the Communist press.

FBIS CLIPPING SERVICE

The following listed newspapers carried the George Wilson Article which also appeared in the Washington Post.

1. CIA Sends "Clippings" to Critics of Vietnam ---St. Petersburg, Fla. Times
14 Oct 67
2. Doves Get Press Clippings from CIA ----- Rochester, N. Y. Democrat & Chronicle
14 Oct. 67
3. Their Eye Is on the Dove "CIA'S Friendly Clippings-- St. Paul, Minn.
Pioneer Press 14 Oct. 67
4. Foes of War Get CIA Clips of Red Views---Des Moines, Iowa Resgister
14 Oct. 67
5. The CIA'S Helpful' Clipping Service---Providence, R.I. Journal
14 Oct. 67
6. War Critics Given CIA'S Red Clippings--Atlantic City, N. J. Press
14 Oct. 67
7. A Slip of the Lip May Bring A Clip---Akron, Ohio Beacon Journal
14 Oct. 67
8. Red Press Echoes What Doves Say----San Joes, Calif. Mercury
14 Oct. 67
9. Solons See Red, Thanks to C.I.A.---Seattle, Wash. Times
15 Oct. 67
10. CIA Sending Reds' Stories to Senators---Mikwaukee, Wisc. Journal
15 Oct. 67
11. Critics of Viet Policies Receive CIA Copy, Tapes--Portland, Ore. Oregonian
16 Oct. 67
12. CIA Clips Show Senate Doves How Red Press Treats Antiwar Talk--Jersey City,N.J.
18 Oct. 67 Jersey Journal
13. Says Dissenters Do a Service-----Des Moines, Iowa Register
20 Oct. 67